

“To have command of the air is to cut an enemy’s army and navy off from their bases of operation and nullify their chances of winning the war.”
—Gen. Giulio Douhet



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

(From left) Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, son, Matthew, 5, and wife, Elizabeth Rosborg, travel by horse to the bonfire and hayride festivities at the base picnic grounds Jan. 25.

Hayride turnout huge

By Senior Airman Brad Pettit
Editor

Laughlin people showed up in droves to the first-ever Hayride and Hoe-down celebration at the base picnic grounds Jan. 25.

Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, his wife, Elizabeth, and son, Matthew, arrived on horseback to kick off the base festivities.

Rosborg said he was encouraged by the turnout and support for the event.

“I am very pleased to see this kind of support for base family activi-

ties,” he said. “These events encourage esprit de corps and a sense of community for our base people and their families.”

More than 800 people showed up to enjoy the hayride, bonfire, barbecue and live musical entertainment provided by The Borderline Singers, a band led by Del Rio’s retired Maj. Gen. Gerald Prather.

Rosborg said the event was a huge success and paved the way for more family-oriented events.

“Laughlin will hold more activities like this to continue our goal of growing Air Force families,” he said.

New commander takes reins of 19th Air Force

By Ralph Monson

Randolph Air Force Base
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. James E. Sandstrom became the 18th commander of 19th Air Force in a Randolph Air Force Base change-of-command ceremony Jan. 24.

Gen. Sandstrom succeeds Maj. Gen. Steven R. Polk, who has been nominated for promotion to lieutenant general and reassignment as the vice commander of Pacific Air Forces.

Gen. Don Cook, Air Education and Training Command Commander, presided over the ceremony.

During the ceremony, the AETC commander praised Gen. Polk for his leadership in guiding 19th Air Force and said he expects the command to continue to produce the world’s best aviators under Gen. Sandstrom.

Gen. Cook said Gen. Polk’s vision and leadership have added richness and fullness to the heritage of 19th Air Force.

“From overseeing the stand-up of the Air Force’s newest trainer, the T-6 Texan II, to paving the way for the Air Force’s newest fighter, the F-22, Gen. Polk has left an indelible mark on the pages of 19th Air Force’s history,” Gen. Cook said.

The AETC commander said it is clear that Gen. Sandstrom has the skill and talent to lead 19th Air Force, and it will continue to prosper under his leadership.



Photo by Charlie Perez

Gen. Don Cook (left), Air Education and Training Command Commander, passes the 19th Air Force flag to the new commander, Maj. Gen. James Sandstrom, at Randolph Jan. 24. Chief Master Sgt. Herbert Williams, 19th AF command chief master sergeant, stands to receive the flag.

Gen. Cook also advised the new 19th Air Force commander to “focus on the needs of tomorrow, to look beyond the present to the unknown emerging threats and challenges of the future.”

In relinquishing command, Gen. Polk directly credited the more than 31,000 men and women of 19th Air Force for the command’s success in training more than 19,000 students annually at 25 units throughout the

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Commanders' Corner

By Maj. Joseph Baca
47th Comptroller Flight Commander

Financial responsibility everyone's job

Much has been published on the keys to success. Many of these are obvious items an individual can affect: knowledge, experience, tenacity, communication, etc.

Just as important is the integrity we, as public servants, use to care for the U. S. taxpayers' money. Your credibility and personal involvement are the keys to the Air Force's financial integrity.

Unlike corporate America where sales, profits and financial ratios determine a firm's ability to fund future year's operations, the Air Force relies on Congress for funds.

Through an often complicated budget process, requirements are consolidated up the chain of command to Congress. After many debates and much lobbying, funding is

distributed back down the chain of command. Although hard requirements drive funds distribution, financial integrity and the credibility it lends to a major command, base or squadron are the deciding factors.

Would you want to give money to someone who has proven to be dishonest and wasteful or to someone whose integrity has shown a track record of getting the most "bang for the buck"?

Last year's fiscal year closeout was a great example where Laughlin's financial integrity secured more than \$9.3 million to fund critical requirements.

Laughlin's great reputation is a direct result of your good stewardship of the taxpayers' money. This goes beyond the fiduciary responsibility commanders, resource advisors,

contracting officers and comptrollers are charged with to ensure financial laws and regulations are obeyed.

Your efforts have ensured resources are properly utilized and waste is eliminated. This great reputation and credibility have been built over several years, but they could be easily tarnished if financial integrity becomes an afterthought.

Your involvement is even more critical as the holder of a Government Purchase Card or as a traveler filing a voucher for reimbursement. Loss of funding for requirements would directly impact our mission and quality of life.

For now, we should count our blessings and remain vigilant. Your credibility and personal involvement have established a great reputation for Laughlin and, above all, the proper stewardship of U.S. taxpayers' money.

Top Three Talk

By Master Sgt. Jeffrey DuMont

47th Communications Squadron base land mobile radio manager



Teamwork important for success in Air Force

Life couldn't have been more different for me now than it was in October 1981 when I walked into the Air Force recruiter's office. I never in my wildest dreams expected to make the Air Force my career.

I wanted the dependability and security of an Air Force job that would allow me to travel and gain marketable skills after a four-year enlistment. Well, to make a long story short, my initial inspiration of a four-year enlistment eventually turned into a career of nearly 20 years.

Reflecting back on my Air Force career I was greatly influenced by an E-9 in the Coast Guard who inspired me to make the military a career.

Luckily my early thoughts of entering the military service in the Navy or Army never materialized. The thought of doing six months aboard a ship wasn't very appealing. So, I decided to enter the Air Force instead.

Of the first three assignments I had within my first enlistment, my assignment to the 501st Tactical Missile Maintenance Squadron at Royal Air Force Greenham Common, United Kingdom, from 1984-1986 was pivotal in my decision to make the Air Force a career. It was there I learned the value of teamwork and just how important it is to have a job to wake to every morning. We had many different enlisted career fields, from security forces to weapons technicians, as

well as a good mix of officers, from launch control to flight commander. I was mostly impressed with how the collective efforts of each team member could accomplish goals in such short periods of time.

Throughout all my remaining assignments, including my present assignment at Laughlin Air Force Base, my appreciation for the Air Force teamwork concept continues to increase.

Once I leave the Air Force, it will be one of the most lasting impressions for me.

I am greatly appreciative of what the Air Force has given me. If I had to do it all over again, I sure would've taken the same steps I have without hesitation.



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— 47th FTW motto

FPCON Bravo

Laughlin is currently in Force Protection Condition Bravo. All people should remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to security forces at 298-5100.

Stop-Loss restrictions eased

By Gen. John P. Jumper

Air Force Chief of Staff

Since Sept. 11, the lives of people have been affected in many ways. Our nation is at war. Our homeland was attacked. Secretary Roche and I thank each of you for your dedicated service as we continue to fight the war on terrorism.

Due to the combined effects of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, the Air Force implemented Stop-Loss and people who were planning to separate or retire had to significantly alter their plans. While the future remains uncertain, operational requirements now allow us to release 24 officer and 40 enlisted specialties from Stop-Loss.

Clearly, we still need experienced people, and we want all, active duty, Reserve, Air National Guard and civilians, to consider remaining in the Air Force to help our nation wage the war against terrorism. The Air Force will maintain retention as a high priority, and we have seen considerable gains recently in the area of compensation. Anyone who earlier made a decision to leave is encouraged to discuss with their commander/supervisor the possibility of now staying in the Air Force.

In arriving at the decision to release these specialties from Stop-Loss, we thoroughly reviewed specific mission requirements and inputs from the

major commands, the air reserve component and headquarters staffs. Information regarding those specialties to be released will be forthcoming in subsequent implementation messages from the deputy chief of staff for personnel and the Air Force Personnel Center.

Because this is a very dynamic situation, we will continue to review the Stop-Loss program every 60 days, and if world events change significantly, we will re-evaluate Stop-Loss decisions immediately. Those personnel not released from Stop-Loss at this time will remain under previously established provisions and may continue to apply for separation or retirement through the waiver process. We will make every effort to ensure people choosing to leave the service have the maximum flexibility in transitioning to civilian life.

We understand the many sacrifices Air Force men and women, as well as their families, make and will continue to face in the future. These sacrifices are a necessary price to ensure we meet the national security requirements of our great nation.

We fully appreciate your unwavering support and dedicated service. Thank you.

(For a complete list of affected specialties, see page 8)

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Airman expresses pride, honor to military

By Airman 1st Class

Joshua Wilks

796th Civil Engineer Squadron

EGLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. – When I dress in the morning, I try to remember I wear the uniform of a military that protects the greatest symbol of democracy and freedom in the world.

But sometimes, I forget.

I also try to remember people who dress as I do every morning, the ones who have dressed this way so many days before me, and those who will follow me.

But, sometimes, I forget.

I try to keep in mind just one of the fallen heroes who wore this very same uniform. The ones who lost their lives in it, and the one who still wear it as they lie in their final resting places in a national cemetery.

But sometimes, I forget.

I try to remember that my job is the greatest in the world.

But sometimes, I forget.

I try to remember that although this uniform may be a little too warm in the summer and just not warm enough in the winter, thousands of my comrades remain missing in action, and others were imprisoned for years on foreign soil, suffering torture and abuse inconceivable to humanity – all this while wearing this uniform.

But sometimes, I forget.

During the day, when I think of all the other things I would rather be doing with my life, I try to remember the role I take part in while wearing this uniform. I try to remember this world is still a dangerous place, and we must work extremely hard to safeguard the freedom we take for granted so our children will know the freedom we have

always known.

But sometimes, I forget.

I try to remember as I pledge my allegiance to Old Glory, this awe-inspiring symbol of freedom and democracy, that others entrust my comrades and me with her safekeeping.

But sometimes, I forget.

I try to remember that I would die for this country, but I would much rather live for it.

But sometimes, I forget.

Yet at times like this (of war), when I remember to take these things into account, there is no way I can explain the pride I feel and the honor I embrace while wearing this uniform and serving this country. And when I leave this world, my spirit will echo words known to me since childhood, “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

Actionline 298-5351

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Rick Rosborg
Col. Rick Rosborg
47th FTW Commander

First-ever hoe-down receives many kudos

I would like to commend you and Services for putting together the hoe-down. I thought it was just great. The long hay ride with music playing from the tractor was really neat. There was also a wide spectrum of good food at a low price, a clown painting faces, a gigantic bonfire and music. Everything was really wonderful. I hope you have another one. There were a lot of things to do for people of all ages.

Melinda Morrison

I just wanted to thank the commander and Services for a wonderful time at the hoe-down. We really enjoyed ourselves. We really enjoyed ourselves. We saw a lot of civilians and military intermingling. It was great for Laughlin. Please keep it up... I can't wait for the next one. I also talked to others, and they can't wait for the next one to get together again. Thank you again.

Rosemary Capozziello

Airmanship

Intended to help all airmen articulate the Air Force's vision of aerospace power

What is centralized control?

Centralized control is the practice and principle of assigning the authority to a single airman to plan, organize and execute operational/theater-level aerospace operations. The aerospace power tenet of centralized control/decentralized execution complements the principle of unity of command.



AETC commander says mission tied to readiness

By Master Sgt. Michael Briggs

Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs

The mission of Air Education and Training Command is tied as much to readiness as it is to sustaining the Air Force, said the AETC commander recently.

Gen. Don Cook said the fruit of AETC's labor is professional airmen who are ready to contribute when they arrive in the field.

"The mission of AETC is to recruit, train and educate for the Air Force so we can sustain this legacy that has been given to us by so many great officers, NCOs and airmen of the past," the general said in an office interview. "If we don't do our job in all three areas, the Air Force pays for it in decreased readiness. We then have people in the field, who are supposed to be focused on the mission, dealing with the added burden of getting people up to speed in their skill sets. AETC is critically tied not only to the sustainment, but the readiness of our Air Force."

In order to effectively grow mission-ready airmen, the commander said it takes people who know their service's needs and who are committed to improving the Air Force.

"It takes a healthy group of dedicated recruiters, which I think we have today – recruiters who are tasked with not just recruiting numbers, but recruiting the right kinds of people who can sustain this great Air Force of ours," Gen. Cook said. "It takes trainers who have currency with the field, not trainers who have been here for long lengths of time who are perhaps dated in their teaching methods and experience. It takes educators who can make our enlisted members and officers think critically about issues and not be constrained by school solutions."

It also takes involvement in and out of the classroom to develop young people into complete airmen, he said.

"From the beginning through the first couple of years of people's careers, they spend a lot of time in the 'First Command,'" Gen. Cook said. "Part of what we need to do is make sure we are involved to a degree in our young people's lives. What I mean by that is to make sure we give them every opportunity to make it to the end of the training pipeline, that we do it safely and that we do the proper mentoring of our young recruits and officers so they understand the Air Force and their role in it."

Key to that entire process is having instructors on the podium who are capable of mentoring the leaders of tomorrow.

"Our instructors must understand what current operations are all about so we can focus on those areas of the Air Force that are leading us in technological advancements, like the future training missions for the F-22 and Joint Strike Fighter," the commander said. "This includes determining how we can help integrate unmanned aerial vehicles into the culture of the Air Force."

Gen. Cook said mission success tomorrow means we must employ a training and education cadre today that can answer critical questions like, "How do we train communicators whose equipment might have a life cycle change every 18 months in the civilian world?" and "How do we look at training our intelligence specialists to go from a mentality where they collect against a task to one where they might think about how to predict an outcome based upon analysis of an enemy's course of action?"

While getting the right numbers and types of people to join the Air Force is one of the command's primary missions, keeping them in uniform is as important, the general said.

"Just like recruiting, retention is everybody's business," he said. "Everybody is a recruiter, and supervisors ought to be people who are committed to retaining their people."

-- Gen. Donald Cook
AETC Commander

He said the foundation for successful retention lies in ensuring both the personal and professional needs of airmen are met.

"When we bring our people on board, we need to ensure we take care of their needs, such as having the right medical care and the right living conditions for them," Gen. Cook said. "When we build new base housing, there is no difference between a new house as a readiness issue than an additional F-16 or a new bomber. It all has to do with readiness, because if we offer someone a good quality of life and we ensure their quality of service is meaningful, then we have people staying in the Air Force."

When it comes to a decision about whether to separate or remain in the Air Force, the commander said it is important for supervisors and commanders to ensure their people have all the information they need to make an educated choice.

"Before people decide not to re-enlist, supervisors need to sit down with them and go through what the benefits are – benefits they might not have thought about before," Gen. Cook said. "There are some tangibles out there we need to sit down and articulate with our people. It's not just about money."

Newsline

Scholarships available

Applications for Scholarships for Military Children must be submitted to the commissary no later than close of business Tuesday. A \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a Laughlin military child.

For more information, call 298-5815.

Recruiting team to visit

A Recruiter Screening Team will visit Laughlin Tuesday. A briefing for commanders and first sergeants will be in the 47th Support Group conference room at 9 a.m. Tuesday.

A one-hour briefing will also be given at 1 p.m. in the base theater for people eligible for recruiting duty. Spouses are highly encouraged to attend this briefing. Senior airmen through master sergeants with fewer than 16 years total active military service are eligible to apply.

For more information, call 298-5244.

Gospel jubilee scheduled

The Laughlin Black Heritage Committee is sponsoring its 25th Annual Gospel Jubilee at 3 p.m. Sunday in the chapel.

The guest speaker for the event is Charles J. Dobard of Holy Covenant Fellowship from Assembly World Ministries in San Antonio. A free meal will be provided after the event.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Michael Vaughan at 298-5422.

Carnation, rose sale held

The Company Grade Officers Council will host a Valentine's Day rose and carnation sale from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Feb. 8 at the base exchange and Anderson Hall.

All roses and carnations are arranged with ferns and baby's breath. Carnations are \$5, and roses are \$7. Orders will be delivered to your place of work. Proceeds benefit the CGOC fund.

For faster processing, please provide the name of the giver, receiver, delivery address, phone number, and if it is to be delivered or picked up on a 3x5" card.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Paula Schoch at 298-4340.

Skeet challenge scheduled

The chiefs and eagles will square off in a skeet challenge at 3 p.m. Feb. 8 at the base trap and skeet range. Several different games will be played. People are encouraged to attend and cheer on their favorite team.

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United States.

"You are great warriors," said Gen. Polk. "It has been great to see you develop a sense of teamwork and family. I thank you sincerely for your hard work and dedication and all you do each day for your country."

Upon accepting command, Gen. Sandstrom told the men and women of 19th Air Force they have an awful lot to be proud of and that their many accomplishments speak for themselves.

"The fruits of your labors of the past two and one-half years are in full view for the world to see as we take on this new war on terrorism," Gen. Sandstrom said.

"Many of the pilots who started in [the] 19th are flying over the skies of Afghanistan as we speak. Many of the troops belonging to 19th Air Force units are deployed forward to the Middle East, and many of the aircraft assigned within the total force are in the skies responding to this emerging threat."

Gen. Sandstrom said he is honored and grateful for the opportunity to lead such a team of professionals.

"Starting today we will move forward together – moving forward as a total force team to make 19th Air Force even better," he said. "We will continue to produce the world's finest aircrews for our nation's great Air

Force and Navy, as well as our friends and allies."

Gen. Sandstrom graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering. He also holds a master's in aeronautics and astronautics from Purdue University and is a graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces. He completed the National Security Leadership Course at Syracuse University and Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

His previous assignments include pilot, instructor pilot, flight commander, fighter weapons instructor, weapons officer and wing standardization and evaluation duties.

Staff tours include joint duty as the chief of current operations for U.S. Pacific Command and the director of operations for U.S. Central Command. The general also served in several key Pentagon posts.

The general has served as a flight, squadron and wing commander. His wing command assignments include the 388th Fighter Wing, Hill Air Force Base, Utah; the 23rd Wing, Pope AFB, N.C.; and the 4404th Composite Wing, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

He is a command pilot with more than 3,400 hours in T-37, T-38, F-4, F-104, OV-10, F-16 and C-130 aircraft.

(Courtesy of AETC News Service)

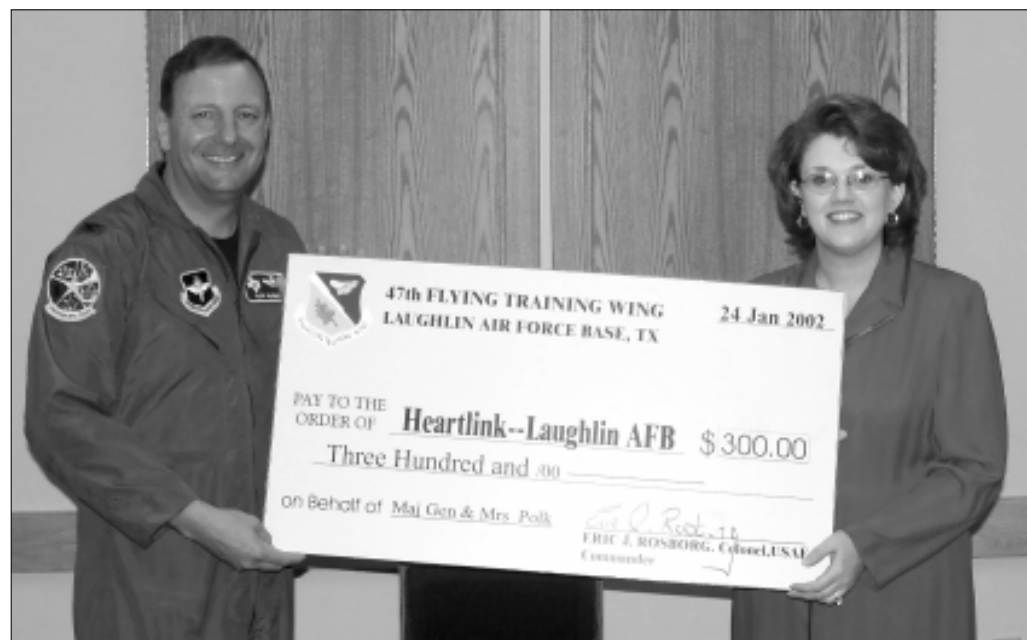


Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Check it out

Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, presents a \$300 check to Sabrina Peña at the Family Support Center Tuesday. The check was given in honor of Mrs. and Maj. Gen. Steven R. Polk, who relinquished command of the 19th Air Force Jan. 24. Maj. Gen. Polk requested that bases within 19th Air Force donate any money they had intended to spend on plaques for him and his wife to base charities instead. The check was donated to Heartlink, a new Air Education and Training Command spouse orientation program designed to strengthen military families and enhance military readiness. Laughlin has been selected as a test base for the new program, which will begin in April. Peña is the Laughlin Heartlink program coordinator.

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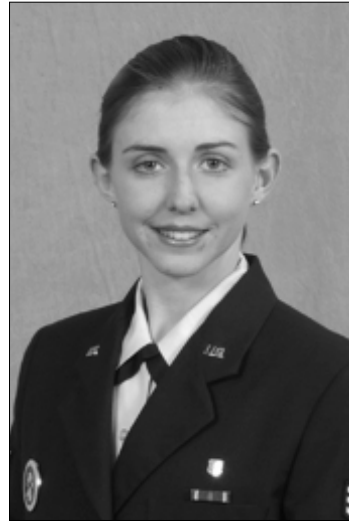
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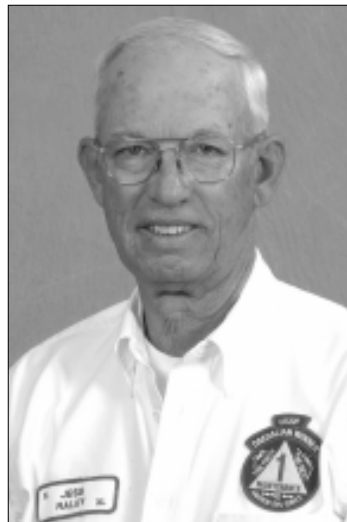
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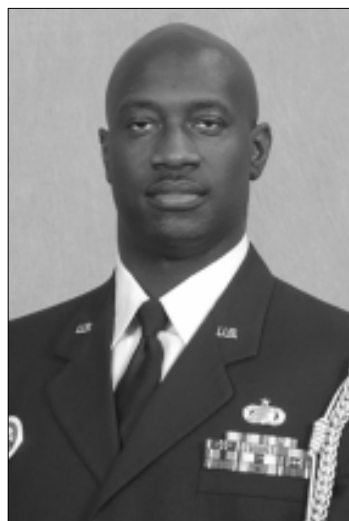
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Airmen complete two-week beginners' course

Compiled from staff reports

Twenty new airmen graduated from Laughlin's First-Term Airmen Center in a ceremony at the Enlisted Heritage Hall Monday.

The two-week course is de-

signed to transition first-term, first-duty-station airmen from training to a mission-oriented environment, said Master Sgt. Joseph Baker, Family Support Center superintendent and FTAC coordinator.

"FTAC provides a means of in-processing airmen with a solid foun-

dation of base and [auxiliary] training programs and briefing in order to prepare them to become mission-ready airman in a minimum amount of time," said Baker.

This is accomplished by reinforcing military lessons first-term airmen learn and experience in basic military and

technical training through briefings covering various topics such as financial planning and Air Force benefits.

Airmen also learned about many services available to them.

"They become very familiar with services and organizations available," said Baker.



Senior Airman Michael Copeland
(Class leader)
47th Communications Squadron



Airman 1st Class Nathaniel Bolen
47th Mission Support Squadron



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47th Operations Support Squadron



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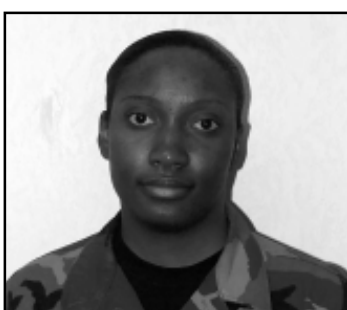
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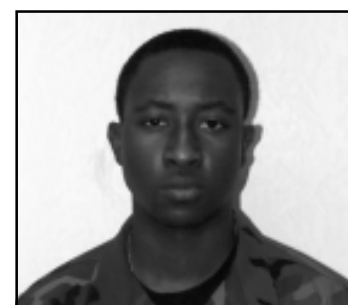
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Airman Sarah Neubauer
47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron



Airman Evangeline Villaluna
47th Security Forces Squadron



Airman Basic Willie Primes
47th Flying Training Wing



Air Force announces new re-enlistment bonus list

Bluesuiters in seven additional career fields will now receive re-enlistment bonuses, courtesy of the recent Selective Reenlistment Bonus Review Board.

Following the board, the Air Force released its latest selective re-enlistment bonus list, resulting in several additions, said Lt. Col. Francine Blackmon, Air Force skills management chief at the Pentagon.

The board considered enlisted skills with no SRB currently authorized for an initial award, along with SRB multiple increases/reductions/deletions for existing SRB skills. Emphasis was placed on those career fields determined as "stressed" – those with existing shortages.

All 197 enlisted skills were reviewed, including reporting identifiers and special duty identifiers. Seven skills have been added while 18 skills on the current list remain unchanged. Zone A changes, which applies to airmen re-enlisting between 17 months and six years of service, incurred nine additions and 110 increases. Zone B changes, which applies to airmen re-enlisting between six and 10 years of service, had 17 additions and 79 increases. Zone C, which applies to airmen re-enlisting between 10 and 14 years of service, saw 14 additions and 25 increases.

"During these comprehensive assessments, we review each enlisted specialty," said Blackmon. "The criteria used for determining which enlisted skills will receive an SRB include current and projected manning levels, re-enlistment trends, career field force structure changes, and inputs from career field managers."

For a complete SRB listing, log on to www.afpc.randolph.mil.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Air Force releases some specialties from Stop-Loss

By Master Sgt.

Rick Bunham

Air Force Print News

Air Force personnel officials have developed a plan that will mean the end of Stop-Loss restrictions on a number of career fields as early as March. The Stop-Loss "exit plan" includes 24 officer and 40 enlisted career fields and is based on the strategies of operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, personnel officials said.

It is the result of a planned "90-day review," officials at the Pentagon said. An initial 30-day review, conducted in early November, resulted in the continuation of Stop-Loss restrictions on all Air Force specialties. Stop-Loss measures were instituted by the Air Force on Oct. 2 to ensure personnel levels were adequate to prosecute the war. Subsequent reviews will take place at 60-day intervals.

The officer career fields released from Stop-Loss restrictions are: 13S, 21A, 21M, 21S, 35B, 36P, 38M, 42B, 42E, 43A, 43D, 43M,

44D, 44H, 44J, 44Z, 46G, 47B, 47D, 48E, 65A, 65F, 65W and 84H.

Enlisted career fields released from Stop-Loss restrictions are: 1C6XX, 1S0XX, 1T0X1, 2A000, 2A0X1, 2A1X1, 2A1X2, 2A1X3, 2A300, 2A3X1, 2A3X2, 2A3X3, 2A4X1, 2A4X2, 2A5X3, 2A6X3, 2A7X4, 2M0XX, 2P0XX, 2R0XX, 2R1XX, 2T3X5, 2T3X7, 2W0XX, 2W1XX, 2W2XX, 3A0XX, 3C0X2, 3C3X1, 3H0XX, 3N0XX, 3N1XX, 3N2XX, 3U0XX, 4J0XX, 6FXXX, 8FXXX, 8MXXX, 9DXXX and 9E000.

A number of different factors went into the process of deciding which career fields could be released.

"We had to consider the balance between the active duty and the air reserve component, as well as the need to remain flexible to changing events worldwide," said Lt. Col. Jan Middleton, chief of promotion, evaluation and separation policy at the Pentagon. "In addition, homeland defense is still being shaped and defined. So,

there were a lot of factors to consider in the decision-making process."

The plan will give the Air Force an effective and reasonable approach to easing Stop-Loss restrictions, Middleton said.

"We feel this plan gives the Air Force an easily executable strategy," she said. "The actual 'termination' of Stop-Loss is still to be determined – we still need to retain those people directly needed to support the war. But this will begin the glide slope toward that end."

More career fields will likely be released in the future based on input from different levels around the Air Force, she said.

Those people with retirement or separation dates already established in the personnel system will be allowed to retire or separate beginning in March, following an established "admin period" during February.

For more information, call the military personnel flight at 298-5277.

(See related commentary on page 3).

**Thinking about
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Training Wing
career
assistance
adviser, at
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January Promotions

First Lieutenant

Jesse Ahearn
Darrin Davis
Nicholas Delcour
Ronald Ehresman
Brian Hoffman
John Johnson
Andrew Katz
Megan Kinne
David Kruckvich
James Ladd
Shanna Latimer
William Lujan
Mathew McCarty
Tyson Meinhold
Yosef Morris
Timothy Nauroth
Rachel Platz
Delbert Rivera
Julius Romasanta
Sterling Stewart
Jay Thomas
Christopher Thompson
Darlene Varani
Yufang Zhang

Master Sergeant

Juanyta Ortiz
Technical Sergeant
Lavalle Jenkins
Staff Sergeant
Latanya Denmon
Kasimu Greenidge
Rafael Taylor-Arenas

Senior Airman

Miguel Acevedo
Sean Flansbaum
Delilah Hamilton

Bradley Pettit

Keith Pruitt

Benjamin Smith

Airman 1st Class

Shannon Custer
Lani Forney
Crystal Rivera

January Re-enlistees

Staff Sgt. Paul Bogumil
Staff Sgt. Samantha Bogumil
Staff Sgt. Tara Cole
Staff Sgt. Michael Sullivan
Senior Airman Douglas Bunn
Senior Airman Jeff Haislett



Chapel Schedule



Catholic

Saturday 5 p.m., Mass

Sunday ● 9:30 a.m., Mass
● 11 a.m., Little Rock Scripture
Study in Chapel Fellowship Hall

Thursday 6 p.m., Choir

Tuesday- ● 12:05 p.m., Mass

Friday ● 12:05 p.m. and 7 p.m., Holy Days
of Obligation

Reconciliation Before Sunday Mass, Wednesday
from 7 to 9 p.m. and by appointment

Religious Education/

Bible Study 11 a.m. and noon Sunday

Jewish Call Max Stool at 775-4519

Muslim Call Dr. Mostafa Salama at 768-9200

Nondenominational

Friday 7 p.m., Unity in Community Services

Protestant

Sunday 11 a.m., General worship

Wednesday ● 12:30-2:15 p.m., Women's
Bible study at chapel
● 7 p.m., Choir at chapel

**For more information on chapel
events and services, call
298-5111.**

The *XLer*



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Senior Airman James Surace

47th Civil Engineer Squadron fire protection specialist

Hometown:

Chesapeake, Va.

Family: Wife, Jill; dog,
Sammy

Time at Laughlin:

3 Years

Time in service:

3 years

Name one way to

improve life at Laughlin:

Larger base exchange

Greatest

accomplishment:

Being named Firefighter of
the Year

Hobbies: Lifting weights
and running

Bad habit: Trying to do
too many things at one
time

Favorite film: Rocky

Favorite band:

Beastie Boys

***If you could spend one
hour with any person,
who would it be and
why?*** George Washington.

He was such a strong
leader and positive influ-
ence on our country.

Computer passwords first line of defense for network security

By Pedro Bernal

*47th Communications Squadron
information assurance office chief
and*

Frederick Ervin

*47th Flying Training Wing
Security Awareness Training Education manager*

A new year is here, and it is important to re-emphasize one of the key fundamentals to network security, computer passwords.

A computer password is, for all practical purposes, a key to enter your computer; it would be no different than putting the key to your home under your doormat and then telling everybody where it was. Anybody could, at any given time, enter your home and look through all of your personal records, take what they like, make toll phone calls using your identity and destroy anything they chose to.

A computer password works on this same principle; anybody who knows it could access your computer and do whatever they want, and often you would never learn who did it or the total extent of the damage until it was too late.

The proper construction of a password is a

critical component in determining how secure operating systems remain. All Laughlin Air Force Base computer users are reminded that they must construct a password that is virtually impossible to crack. Make sure you use at least eight alphanumeric characters, upper and lower case letters, and at least one special function key (i.e., !, @, # etc.). Never use nicknames, children's birthdays, anniversaries, or anything else possibly leading to your personal identity. Refrain from using actual words, but try to construct your password from parts of several words. Some individuals mistakenly think if they use a proper name such as Chicago and put a \$4 behind it, that will be adequate. They believe because they used upper and lower case letters, with a number and a special function character, this would be adequate. Nothing is further from the truth. A 15-minute password cracking exercise will crack all of these, usually within the first three minutes.

The password cracking software is specifically designed to look for words and proper names. The more it looks like gibberish, the better it is. You are the only one responsible for creating your own password.

Once you've developed a good password, the next step is to make sure you do not write it down and leave it where it may be found by somebody. Some people will construct a good password, but then they write it on the wall, under their terminal screen, or even under their mouse-pads where anybody who is snooping around would be sure to look.

The best method is memorization. However, if you find this impractical and you write it down, make sure it remains with you or in a locked cabinet, preferably away from your computer terminal.

Remember, this important measure is one we must all follow to ensure our networks remain available to support the warriors in the battlefield. Laughlin, along with the rest of the Department of Defense, will definitely see an increase in both probing by hackers and security exercises by our own Network Control Centers.

The stakes are too high and the consequences too severe to neglect this responsibility shared by all. Remember, a risk taken by one is a risk imposed on all.

For more information on computer security or proper password construction, call Bernal at 298-5700 or Ervin at 298-4271.

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Oscar Vega**
*47th Flying
Training Wing
information
management
chief*

*"Thirty days paid
leave."*



**Wendy
Fenimore**
*47th Operations
Group gradua-
tion program
manager*

*"The sense of
family."*



Terra Wade
*47th Flying
Training Wing
Legal Office legal
clerk*

*"Tops in Blue. It is
such a privilege to
perform for our
troops stationed far
from home."*

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Mouthguards important

**By Dr. (Capt.)
Steven Ledwig**

*47th Aeromedical Dental
Squadron preventive dentistry
officer*

Intramural basketball has arrived, and it can be a rough sport. Studies have found that one in four individuals in the United States will suffer from an oral injury in their lifetimes. Many of these injuries may occur from sports like basketball, football, boxing and hockey. A high percentage of teeth get damaged or knocked out from bike riding, baseball, soccer, volleyball, skateboarding and rollerblading as well.

With this in mind, and with the weather starting to get nicer and warmer, we must all become more aware of the dangers that can occur from mouth injuries. Not only can you suffer a blow to the teeth, but you can also bite your tongue or lacerate your gums at the same time. We must do our best to protect ourselves from head to toe to stay healthy and fit. It is imperative to protect your mouth, as well as your body, when playing contact sports.

It is highly recommended that athletes, both young and old, wear a mouthguard during practice and competition in contact and collision sports.

The NFL, NHL and all boxing organizations require the use of a mouth protector to prevent injury to the mouth, teeth, lips, cheeks and tongue. In addition, a mouthguard can cushion blows that might cause concussions or jaw fractures. Remember, the presence of a mouthguard does not guarantee a tooth will not be lost; however, it greatly decreases the likelihood of tooth loss in sports injuries.

There are three different

types of mouthguards. Each one has its pros and cons.

■ **Stock mouth protector.** This type is readily available in sporting goods stores. After purchasing it, it's ready to be placed in the mouth. The drawback with this type is it can restrict the ability to communicate or breathe.

■ **Boil and bite.** This type is commonly available in athletic stores. This type requires the user to place the protector in boiling water to soften it before placing it in his or her mouth. If you choose to use this type, have your dentist mold it (most young athletes do not follow the manufacturer's instructions closely and end up making an ill-fitting mouthguard).

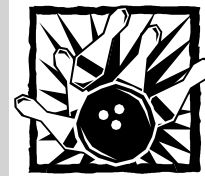
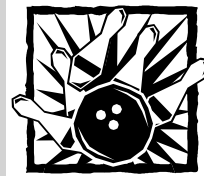
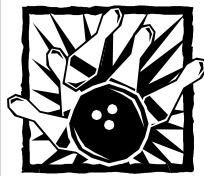
■ **Custom-fitted.** This type is fabricated by a dentist and allows for easier communication and breathing. Many people get discouraged when they hear the prices of the custom-fitted type. However, think about the amount of money it will save if it prevents having a tooth knocked out or even possibly a jaw fracture. There is no cost to have a mouthguard made at the base dental clinic for active-duty personnel. Civilian employees and active-duty dependents should ask their dentists if they provide this type of service.

Remember, a mouth protector is not a nuisance. It serves as a preventive piece of equipment in addition to the other protective equipment you have to wear for your particular sport. Whether you're young or old, wearing a mouthguard during practice or competition makes good sporting sense.

To have a custom-fitted mouthguard made, call the dental clinic at 298-6331 to set up an appointment.

Bowling standings

Team	Points	Team	Points
Boeing	94-42	Services	70-66
OSS	81-55	CE	62-74
47th FTW	74-62	SFS	49-87
DeCA	70-66	Commtracting	44-92



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